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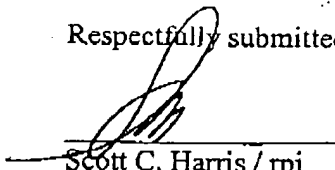
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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE

In response to the official action mailed 10/08/02, paper
no. 6 in the above referenced case, please amend the application
as follows:

In the specification:

On page 3, after line 3, add the following new paragraph:

The methanol may be fed to the fuel cells using a wicking
part 290 which feeds methanol from a methanol fuel supply ²⁸⁰ ~~200~~ to
edges of the membranes of the electrochemical cells.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, paragraph
[0015] with the following rewritten paragraph:

The electrodes of the first embodiment may allow current to
flow along the length of the electrodes. The effective path
length for the current flow may be given by one arbitrary unit

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